

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously presented) A method, comprising:
 - receiving requirements for a plurality of modules;
 - determining an inter-module dependency tree, the inter-module dependency tree being based on the requirements; and
 - modifying a module function in accordance with the inter-module dependency tree.
2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising associating a configuration parameter with an inter-module dependency in [[said]] the inter-module dependency tree.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising storing a default value for a configuration parameter.
4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] determining an inter-module dependency tree comprises associating a module command with an inter-module dependency.
5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein associating a module command with an inter-module dependency comprises determining a phase for a command of a module.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] modifying a module function comprises determining a command script based on a command association with an inter-module dependency.
7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] modifying a module function comprises associating a command of [[one]] a first module with a command of [[another]] a second module based upon an inter-module dependency for the first module and the second module.
8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7 wherein associating [[a]] the command of [[one]] the first module with a command of another the second module comprises associating [[a]] the command of [[one]] the first module with [[a]] the command of another the second module based upon a phase identification.
9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising initializing a module using the inter-module dependency tree.
10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] modifying a module function comprises reconfiguring a module function.
11. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein [[said]] modifying a module function comprises shutting down a module function.
12. (Currently amended) An apparatus, comprising:
a system controller, the system controller comprising circuitry to store an inter-module dependency tree, the inter-module dependency tree being

based on requirements for a plurality of modules, the system controller to modify a module function in accordance with the inter-module dependency tree; and

a configuration manager coupled to [[said]] the system controller.

13. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a current configuration database coupled to [[said]] the configuration manager, the current configuration database containing one or more configurations for the plurality of modules that are not retained when the apparatus is initialized.

14. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising a permanent configuration database coupled to [[said]] the configuration manager via a command line interface, the permanent configuration database containing one or more configurations that are retained when the system is initialized.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein [[said]] the system controller further comprises circuitry to modify a module function in accordance with an inter-module dependency tree.

17. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein [[said]] the configuration manager comprises circuitry to receive a configuration parameter change request.

18. (Currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein [[said]] the configuration manager comprises circuitry to modify a module function in accordance with a configuration parameter change request.
19. (Currently amended) A system, comprising:
 - a network component comprising a system controller coupled to a configuration manager;
 - a component coupled with the system controller to store an inter-module dependency tree, the inter-module dependency tree being based on requirements for a plurality of modules, the system controller to modify a module function in accordance with the inter-module dependency tree;
 - and
 - a station coupled to [[said]] the network component.
20. (Cancelled)
21. (Currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein said node the system further comprises a permanent configuration parameter database coupled to the configuration manager via a command line interface, the permanent configuration database containing one or more configurations that are maintained when the system is rebooted.
22. (Currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein [[said]] the station comprises a server to forward a transaction via [[said]] the network component.

23. (Currently amended) The system of claim 19, wherein [[said]] the station comprises a management workstation to configure said network component.
24. (Currently amended) A machine-readable medium containing instructions, which when executed by a machine, cause [[said]] the machine to perform operations, comprising:
 - receiving requirements for a plurality of modules;
 - determining an inter-module dependency tree, the inter-module dependency tree being based on the requirements; and
 - modifying a module function in accordance with the inter-module dependency tree.
25. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein [[said]] determining an inter-module dependency tree comprises associating a module command with an inter-module dependency.
26. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein [[said]] modifying a module function comprises determining a command script based on a command association with an inter-module dependency.
27. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein [[said]] modifying a module function comprises associating a command of one module with a command of another module based upon an inter-module dependency.
28. (Previously presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 further comprising initializing a module using the inter-module dependency tree.

29. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein [[said]] modifying a module function comprises reconfiguring a module function.
30. (Currently amended) The machine-readable medium of claim 24 wherein [[said]] modifying a module function comprises shutting down a module function.